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APPOINTMENT.
His Excellency the Governor has been
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(Reserve).
Mr. Hough, formerly of the 8th
Hussars, and subsequently Adjutant and
the Captain Commanding the Shanghai
Mounted Police, will take charge of the
Mounted Police and Motor Patrols, and
will be referred to in all Orders, etc., as
"A.S.P. (R.) Traffic Patrols."
Inspector Gegg, O.C. Mounted Police,
and Staff Inspector Clarke, O.C. Motor
Patrols, will report themselves.
MOUNTED POLICE.
Mr. She Shui Tai has presented the
"Cracker" to this detachment.
LEAVE FOR THE COLONY.
Members returning to the Colony from
leave must at once report for duty,
whether the period for which leave was
granted has expired or not.
PARADES CENTRAL STATION.
Wednesday, August 30th.—All ranks,
except Patrolmen, at 6 p.m. as per Orders
of August 24th, 25th, and 26th. Uniform,
Helmets but without Rifles.
Thursday, August 31st.—Certain mem-
bers of No. 2 Platoon as already detailed in
Orders.
Also whole of No. 4 Company under
Sergeant-Major Roylance at 5.45 p.m.
(Sgt.) R. C. JENKIN,
D.S.P. (R.).

NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, NON ASIATIC or
INDIAN desiring to leave the
Colony should apply in writing for per-
mission to do so to the Captain Super-
intendent of Police, at least 48 hours
before the intended hour of departure,
giving name, nationality, age, sex, height
and occupation of the applicant, and
stating the name of the steamer or other
vessel or the hour of the train by which
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10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
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p.m. every half hour.
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an hour.

SUNDAYS.

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—Sinking Fund Account £25,230

—Revenue Fire Branch £21,381,456

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W. BOWEN ROWLANDS,
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Hongkong, Aug. 26, 1916.

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An address will be given by the Bishop of Victoria, to whom Rev. H. O. Spink was Curate in Liverpool.

Hongkong, Aug. 22, 1916.

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The section of the Chinese Eastern Railway to be handed over to Japan, viz. from Changchun to the second branch of the Sungari, is only 73 miles in length, but its bearing on the activity of the Japanese in Northern Manchuria is most important, says the correspondent of the "Tokyo Nichinichi," writing from Tsaoichiao after having just made a trip of observation along the line in question. According to him, our settlers in Harbin and Chita have rapidly increased of late, and now train after train is carrying numerous Japanese visitors to the north, a phenomenon never before witnessed, testifying in his opinion to the fact that Japan's sphere of influence has been much extended. The principal stations on the conceded line are Puhai, Yaomen, and Laoshakou. The number of our compatriots in this region is—Puhai, 6; Yanmen 70; Laoshakou 6; Tsaoichiao 20.

In regard to the transfer, nothing beyond a bare outline is yet known, but what is of greatest interest in the impending negotiations to all concerned will no doubt be the site of the new junction. The most suitable place for the connecting point of the two railways is, in the general opinion, Yaomen, known as Changchuiwa among the Chinese. Strictly speaking the vicinity of the station is called Yaomen. At a short distance from it is located the village of Changchuiwa, where Chinese activity is highly conspicuous. Of late a certain Chinese merchant applied to the Russian authorities for a lease of ground in order to construct warehouses for cereals, coal, etc. The authorities are, in turn, contemplating to offer the public a large tract of land in the form of perpetual lease. The Chinese population is 1,012 and the Russian 945. The kinds of business which were 75 in number last year, have suddenly increased to 129 in the current year. Compared with the natives or the Russians, Japanese activity is almost insignificant. From the carriage windows, you can see houses of zinc roofing glistening in the sun, which are the dwellings of Japanese settlers. They number only 25 in all, inhabited by 70 persons. Some time ago the Japanese police station at Changchun opened a branch office here with one policeman. It was only for the purpose of protecting the Japanese inhabitants, but the establishment of this gave rise to an anti-Japanese agitation among the native population. The Chinese rabble perpetrated such outrage as to tear away the name-sign hung on the gate of the police station. Afterward it was returned by the Chinese authorities with apology, but the event was enough to show the feeling harboured toward Japanese by the Chinese population. The Russian element, on the other hand, is said to be well-disposed toward us.

This village, situated on the bank of the Yinnaho, lies at a distance of some 18 miles from Nungun, which is again 36 miles from Changchun. If the new junction is constructed here, beans, which are a chief product of the neighbourhood, will hereafter be sent out from this station. Even cargoes which are at present transported by the Changchun-Kirin line, will also be conveniently brought to Yaomen, consequently depriving Nungun of a part of its present prosperity. It is stated that a branch office of the Japanese Consulate will be established at the latter place. In the view of many old residents, however, Yaomen is a better site for it. At the same time, the exploitation of the rich resources of Nungun district has been in mind. Puhai, only 8 miles distant from Nungun city, has a strong claim to the junction. Hitherto, the traffic in winter has been carried on between Nungun and Southern Manchuria by means of horse wagons. The Chinese Eastern line has not been much utilized on account of the inconvenience of trans-shipment at Kwangchengtau. This inconvenience will, however, be done away with by the coming extension of the South Manchurian line, and then Puhai may be transformed into an important place of connection.

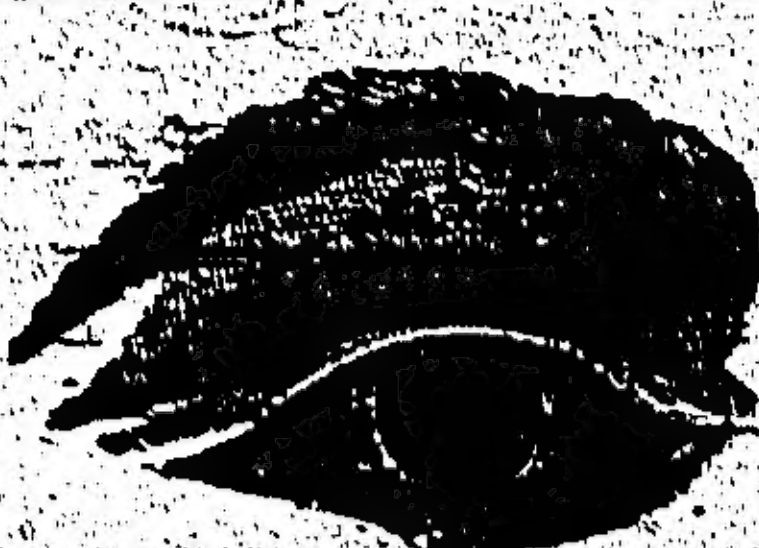
At Laoshakou we leave the monotonous plain behind and enter a hilly district. At this town the Russian railway company is in possession of a large accessory ground of some 2,073 acres. The hills are dotted with white buildings which are Russian barracks. The six Japanese residing here are all women of frail morality. But for an unaccountable difficulty in the features of the ground, the place might be chosen as the site of the junction. To overcome this a tremendous outlay in money and labour would be necessary. But the town has a very fine view commanding the broad belt of the Sungari, a fine place for a summer resort. Now that navigation rights on the river have been conceded to our country, a landing place for Japanese steamboats may with great advantage be made at this town. North of the iron bridge spanning the river lies a wide stretch of marshy ground, a place suitable to game-hunting. But at present the Russian authorities place this spot under the Strategic Secret Preservation Law, and railway passengers are prohibited even from looking over the bridge. Beyond the marsh there lies Tsaoichiao, five miles from Laoshakou. The Japanese settlers are 20, chiefly engaged in the buying of local products.

The Chinese Eastern Railway Bureau has recently renewed sleepers on the southern part of the line. As for the rails, those used by the Russians are 64 lbs. in weight, while those on the South Manchurian line are 80 lbs. and those in the Changchun-Kirin line 60 lbs. But in the southern part of their line, the Japanese company is still employing 64 lb. rails, which were handed over by the Russians. In this connection it may be mentioned that General Holvath, Chief of the Chinese Eastern Railway, has proceeded in a great hurry to Petrograd. His business at that capital, it is rumoured, is in regard to the transfer of the line.—"Herald of Asia."

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Gent's Shirts, Singlets, Pants, Dressing Gowns, Bath Robes, a number of Pairs of Boots and Shoes, Toilet Soaps, Bath and Face Towels, Hosiery, &c., &c.
Blankets, Table Cloths, Coppernoses, a quantity of White Alpaca, a number of 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THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WESTERN FRONT.

BRITISH PROGRESS.

LONDON, Aug. 27. Sir Douglas Haig's latest communiqué states: "A further 200 yards of German trench north of Bazentin-le-Petit has been captured."

Seven more machine-guns were captured than were reported in the communiqué of the 25th inst. The enemy's artillery was active during the night between the Somme and the Ancre.

The enemy shelled the neighbourhood of Bethune. We retaliated on enemy railway stations and barracks.

LATEST NEWS FROM BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Aug. 28. Sir Douglas Haig reports: "We have gained ground north-west of Ginchy. The weather interferes with operations."

In the afternoon there was considerable activity on both sides. The enemy's fire was directed mainly against our support trenches, especially north-west of Longueval.

Our guns blew up enemy bomb stores and we exploded mines between Armentières and Neuve Chapelle.

The enemy blew up two small mines south-west of Auchy and south of Ypres, but there were no casualties.

Our latest captures include four officers and 55 others.

BITTER COMPLAINTS OF THE GERMAN SOLDIER.

THE UBIQUITY OF THE BRITISH AIRMAN.

LONDON, Aug. 27. Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters in France states that the captured diary of a German soldier bitterly complains that during the day one hardly dares to be seen in a trench owing to British aeroplanes flying so low. There is nothing to see of the German "hero-airmen". He says: "One can hardly calculate how much additional loss of life through strain on the nerves this costs us."

A captured letter says the writer's Division lost nearly 7,000 before it was relieved at the end of July. The casualties returns of the 179th Regiment show losses amounting to 54 per cent. German officer prisoners admit that the view is held that our offensive is only beginning, which is contrary to what the German newspapers say; also that there was considerable disorganisation caused by the attack developing where it did instead of in the Arras region, where it was expected.

MAIN ENEMY ATTACKS ON FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Aug. 27. A communiqué states: "There is relative calm on the Somme front, as the weather is interfering with operations. The Germans attacked three times at Vaux Wood, but were forced to return to their trenches. The Germans attacked on 800 yards of front in the direction of Croix St. Jean, Lorraine. They were caught by our fire curtains and completely defeated."

BAD WEATHER CONTINUES.

PARIS, Aug. 27. An official statement says there is nothing important to announce. Bad weather continues.

ALLIED AIR SQUADRON BOMBS NEIGHBOURHOOD OF GHENT.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 27. The Echo Belge states that an allied air squadron bombed the neighbourhood of Ghent on the 25th inst. Two big explosions were heard and it is believed that two munition depots were blown up. It is rumoured that the damage and the number of victims were very great.

In the course of the attack a gunpowder depot at Mellebeke was blown up and a Zeppelin stationed at St. Denis Westland was damaged.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

A COMMUNIQUE STATES:

There has been considerable enemy activity in Trentino, but no infantry attack. The Italians are steadily extending their territory in the Cima Vallone region. The enemy shelled the Isorno bridges and a few shells fell in Gorizia.

ITALY DECLARES WAR AGAINST GERMANY.

CATALOGUE OF GERMANY'S OFFENSES.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 27. A Berlin official announcement states that the Italian Government, through the Swiss Government, has notified the German Government that she will consider herself in a state of war against Germany from the 28th inst.

Rome, Aug. 28. The Foreign Minister, in transmitting the declaration of war against Germany, says: "German acts of hostility against Italy succeed each other with growing frequency. It is sufficient to mention the regular supply of Naval and Military arms and equipment to Austria-Hungary and the uninterrupted participation of officers, soldiers and sailors in different operations directed against Italy. It has been due only to the lavish assistance afforded Austria that the latter has been able to concentrate on a very extensive effort against Italy."

The Minister refers to the return by way of Austria of Italian prisoners who have escaped from concentration camps in Germany and to the request of the German Foreign Office that financial institutions should consider Italians alien enemies and so postpone due payments. The royal Government, the Minister says, can no longer tolerate such a state of affairs, and he points out that the situation is aggravated because Italy and Germany belong to opposing groups of belligerents.

THE BALKAN FRONT.

BRITISH SHIPS BOMBARD KAVALLA PORTS.

PARIS, Aug. 28. An official report from Salonika states that two British monitors and one cruiser on the 25th inst. bombarded the Kavalla ports, which are occupied by Bulgarians with one exception.

PIERCE ATTACKS BY BULGARIANS.

There has been a cannonade on the Struma Lake and Doiran fronts. Five fierce attacks by Bulgarians against Vitenik, north-west of Kukuruz, were shattered by Serbian artillery. Desperate fighting continues in the region of Lake Ostrovo, where several Bulgarian attacks have been driven back by Serbian counter-attacks.

WHAT WILL RUMANIA DO?

A COUNCIL SUMMONED BY THE KING.

BUKHAREST, Aug. 27. It is authoritatively announced that the King has summoned representatives and statesmen of all parties to discuss the situation.

SIGNIFICANT MILITARY CHANGES IN GREECE.

ATHENS, Aug. 27. General Moschopoulos has been appointed Chief of the General Staff, replacing General Doumanis, who has been given leave.

Colonel Matasas has been relieved from the post of Assistant Chief of the General Staff. These changes are highly important.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

PIERCE FIGHTING AT DIARBEEKIR.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 27. Official. On the Stokhod near Tobolsk the enemy engaged in a violent bombardment. There is fierce fighting at Diarbekir. On the Caucasian front columns have reached Macla on the Danis river, a tributary of the Euphrates.

ARTILLERY WORK.

PARIS, Aug. 27. An official report from Salonika states that there has been intermittent artillery work on the right wing.

RUSSIAN SEAPLANES BOMB VARNNA.

LONDON, Aug. 27. A Bulgarian official statement admits that Russian seaplanes have bombed Varna (the principal Bulgarian port on the Black Sea).

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

BRITISH PROGRESS.

PRUSSIAN GUARD REFUSED.

LONDON, Aug. 26. A communiqué from General Sir Douglas Haig states: "Near the Mouquet farm the British progressed another four hundred yards. Trenches were taken along the Courcellette-Thiepval road."

Last night the Prussian Guard, after very heavy artillery preparation, attacked our new trenches southward of Thiepval. The attack was pressed determinedly, but it was everywhere repulsed with heavy enemy losses.

Our success was largely due to the steadiness and gallantry of the Wilshire and the Worcestershires.

LATER. Sir Douglas Haig reports: "The enemy bombarded our front line at intervals throughout the night. He attacked Guillemont as well as Thiepval, but did not reach our lines."

ENEMY'S ANXIETY.

The importance that the enemy attaches to the Thiepval sector is shown by the determined efforts that he is making to regain lost ground in the Leipzig salient (where he is effecting a great concentration of guns), and also by last night's assault by the Prussian Guard.

LONDON, Aug. 27. Sir Douglas Haig reports: "The enemy's artillery were active around the Mametz wood and north of Delville Wood."

Fighting continues at Monquet Farm. We captured 67 prisoners in the Mouquet farm area and south of Thiepval during the last twenty-four hours. The hostile attempts against a sap south of the Bethune-La Bassée road were driven back by rifle-fire.

The enemy shelled Guillemont, La Conture and east of Zillebeke in the day time. There was also much reciprocal trench-mortar activity near the Hohen-sollera redoubt.

Our counter-batteries yesterday successfully engaged many of the enemy gun positions, some of which were destroyed and others damaged.

Our aircraft attacked many points of military importance in the enemy's rear, dropping altogether five tons of bombs. One hostile machine was killed and another was driven down damaged.

Two British machines are missing.

IMPORTANCE OF MAUREPAS AND THIEPVAL.

LONDON, Aug. 27. The French capture of Maurepas and the British success at Thiepval are typical of the new allied method of advancing piecemeal, intensively bombarding patches of the front, then sending patrols to ascertain the damage, and afterwards drenching other points with a storm of shell, the infantry meanwhile attacking along the lanes formed by the first bombardments, thus rendering both frontal and lateral attacks possible. Greater gains are thus obtained at a smaller loss of life than hitherto.

The value of the success is apparent from the importance attached by the enemy to the Guillemont-Ginchy region, where alone he retains an effective footing on the ridge. The two strongholds with the Thiepval plateau, remain the most formidable bastions in the enemy's line, but the pressure around them is growing constantly more severe.

The stubborn, relentless fighting, by which the British during the last three weeks have forced their way over the open, up the slope, and then pushed the enemy by inches to the farther edge of the whole plateau, is the outstanding feature of the battle.

Eight miles of German lines between Thiepval and Ginchy are described by the correspondents as a huge fortress flanked by the bastions whose outworks were stormed on Thursday.

It is stated that the Germans concentrated on this little front enough men to garrison eighty miles of trench. They have hundreds of batteries of all calibres, and these, like the troops, are massed at certain places behind the line.

The vain counter-attacks cost the Germans losses which are unprecedented for purely defensive fighting. On the other hand, it is calculated that the new Allied method of attack results in a loss of 70 per cent.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

ARTILLERY DUELS.

PARIS, Aug. 27. There were severe artillery duels on the Somme, especially north of Maurepas and west of Clercy.

TWELVE GERMAN AEROPLANES BROUGHT DOWN.

The day has been disastrous for German aeroplanes, of which twelve were shot down.

The French aviator Nungesser brought down his eleventh machine in the campaign.

GERMAN ATTACKS ON VERDUN FRONT.

Repeated attacks by the Germans on the Verdun front have failed. There was an intermittent cannonade elsewhere, it being most violent in the Thiaumont-Floury sector.

RUSSIAN OPERATIONS IN ASIA MINOR.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 27. Military experts point out that the re-capture of Mush puts the Russians on the flank of the Turkish force at Bitlis, regarding which news of its re-occupation is confidently awaited.

The victory at Kavan, near Mosul, on the 24th inst., knocks on the head the Turkish plans around Lake Urmia, while in the Hamadan direction the Turks are in no better case, and the enemy advance in Persia is no longer regarded as practicable.

All the Turkish movements are paralysed, notably the grandiose scheme for the taking of Erzerum, notwithstanding the employment of all available reinforcements.

THE BALKAN FRONT.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Aug. 27. An official communiqué states: "There has been artillery activity on the Struma and Doiran fronts. Our aeroplanes bombed the enemy camp south of Dje Hissar."

BULGARIANS RETREATING.

PARIS, Aug. 27. A communiqué from Salonika states: "There has been intermittent artillery activity on the right wing."

The British guns ceaselessly bombarded the enemy positions on the left bank of the Struma.

The Bulgarians in the centre delivered six counter-attacks north-west of Kikirgova, which were repulsed by the Serbians.

On the whole line the enemy was sanguinarily defeated, and he is retreating, being continuously pressed by the Serbians, whom he is resisting stubbornly.

Fierce fighting continues on the left wing. In the region of Ostrovo, the Serbians allowed the Bulgarians to approach within 160 yards of their trenches, and then with a devastating fire they mowed down the enemy.

Two hundred and fifty Bulgarian corpses were found in front of a single trench. Prisoners admit that the Serbian artillery indisputably dominates the Bulgarian artillery.

PRICE OF COTTON.

SMALL AMERICAN CROP.

LONDON, Aug. 27. The Times, commenting on the rise in the price of cotton, says there is little doubt that the United States crop will be small, but in some quarters the last official report is regarded as unduly pessimistic. Moreover, the market in America is under dual control.

BRITISH LOAN IN AMERICA.

SPEEDY SUBSCRIPTION.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. The new British loan of £50,000,000 has been over-subscribed in forty-eight hours. The lists close to-day instead of Monday.

SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 27. Sir Ernest Shackleton has left Punta Arenas on board the steamer "Yelcho" on a third attempt to rescue the party mangled on Elephant Island.

AUSTRALIA AND CONSCRIPTION.

MELBOURNE, Aug. 27. After a Cabinet meeting, Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Premier, stated that a decision had been reached regarding conscription, but he declined to say more.

It was noticed that the Ministers known to be in favour of conscription looked pleased. The political parties are now considering the matter.

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THE CENTRAL POWERS' ATROCITIES.

A TERRIBLE TALE OF SAVAGERY.

[FROM BRITISH LEGATION, PEKING.] London, Aug. 19. Universal satisfaction is felt at the Prime Minister's definite declaration that the British Government will tolerate no resumption of diplomatic intercourse with Germany till reparation has been made for the murder of Captain Fryatt, who was shot by order of a German court-martial for having attempted to save his unarmed merchant-vessel from the attack of a German submarine.

A similar case, to be dealt with by the decision of the Allied Governments is that of General Vesovitch, the Montenegrin Minister. On the flight of General Vesovitch from Montenegro the Austrian Commander seized his old father and his brother and threatened to hang both unless the General surrendered himself. Subsequently the brother was actually put to death while his old father was reprieved as a special act of grace.

But indeed Austro-Hungarian outrages bulk so large that they have now been compiled in a definite record by Professor Reiss of Lausanne. Abundant testimony is brought to show their special ferocity against the Serbians, as illustrated by such crimes as the use of explosive bullets that tear their way out of the body in a huge burst pulverizing the bones and incinerating the flesh. The bombardment of open towns also formed part of the programme, which further embraced the destruction of hospitals and museums. Ample over-riding evidence is given of the terrible cold-blooded cruelties perpetrated on Serbian captives and non-combatants.

But even more notable of late have been the German methods in Belgium and the occupied districts of France. Here the civil population have been summarily drafted away in different directions for purposes of forced labour for Germany. Amid harrowing scenes of courage and despair, families and households have been torn asunder and their members dispersed in such a way as to leave scant hope that they will ever meet again. This distribution has been accomplished by military methods and under military discipline with so much calculated disregard of humanity that representation of the case, His Holiness the Pope found himself compelled to lodge a protest with the German Government, though without result.

BLUE FUNNEL BOAT AFIRE.

FEARED INCENDIARISM AT BATAVIA.

The Straits Times of the 18th instant reports: "On Sunday evening at 7.30 a fire was discovered in the fifth hold of the Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer Yangtze while lying at the coaling wharf at Hongkong."

The ship was laden with copra, train oil, rubber and sugar. She was quickly towed out of the harbour so as to avoid danger to other shipping and help was soon at hand from other vessels and vessels lying off Waiwetren. The fire extinguisher jacket soon got her nose working in the burning hold which contained rubber and train oil. The fire in the rubber was quickly subdued but that in the train oil caused much difficulty as the oil floated on the seaward spread. The steamer Jovita of the R.P.M. and de Jong of the Coal Maatschappij and the fire brigade from Waiwetren all lent a hand so that in all eight hoses were played on the conflagration and at 12.30 it was practically extinct. Little damage was done to the vessel herself. Messrs. Maclean Watson and Co. are the Batavia agents for the line. The damage to the cargo, which was for England, has not yet been estimated, but it is great.

A later telegram states that early on Sunday morning another fire was discovered in the Yangtze in her sixth hold which was being fumigated. The Batavia correspondent of the Sumatra Post states that the whole of her cargo has been landed and after being surveyed by Lloyd's agent will be put up for sale.

An inspection has proved the fact that the fire could not have been the result of spontaneous combustion, but must have been the work of incendiaries for so rapid was its outbreak that coals at work on board had not the time to get their coals before leaving the vessel. The whole of the cargo in holds five and six has been destroyed.

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"Hoping that you will compassionately compromise in arranging your female progeny to my tender bosom, and therefore acquire into your family circle your dutiful son-in-law."

A GIANTIC GERMAN INDUSTRY KILLED.

The "Gronauer Nachrichten" draws a picture of the German textile industry as it stood before the war. The industry, it says, in 1913 employed "over a million workers, and had an output worth nearly five thousand millions of marks."

It imported from abroad raw material to the value of 2,000 million marks. Raw cotton had the first place among these imports, with a value of a thousand million marks, chiefly from the United States; then came wool (800 million marks); chiefly from Australia and New Zealand; silk (150 million marks); jute (100 million marks); flax (75 million marks); hemp (45 million marks). To say thanks to British sea-power, the gigantic industry is almost completely destroyed. It would be hard to find in history an industrial catastrophe on such a scale.

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE.

There is a compiled by the Medical Officer of Health for the week ended August 26th shows one Chinese case of cholera, which ended fatally; 9 cases of enteric fever (1 British, 1 American, 1 Japanese, 1 Indian, and the rest Chinese). One was an imported case. There were four deaths. The only other cases in the list are three fatal Chinese cases of small pox, and one fatal case of puerperal fever.

THE PHILIPPINE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

Sugar milling, reports the senior inspector of constabulary of Occidental Negros, has ceased except in the centrifugal mills, and on a few plantations in the northern end of the province, where the rains have caused less trouble than in the central and southern parts. Owing to the great amount of rain that fell during the usually dry period, a small crop for next year is predicted. Contacts have been entered into between the planters of Victoria and capitalists in the United States for the erection of a large centrifugal mill at Victoria, and construction of the same, it is expected, will be begun shortly. The 1915 crop will probably be ground on this mill.

Promoters are also at work trying to interest capital in the erection of big mills in Siliy and Isabela. The senior constabulary inspector of Occidental Negros, in his dispatch to headquarters, adds that much disappointment was occasioned among the planters of the province by the refusal of the National Bank to grant them loans, and that much criticism of the bank officials is heard all over the province.

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